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* There will be no Launch on Monday
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cumstances. In case of stress of weather,
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EDMOND WALKER,
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Royal Engineer Office,
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 30, 1885. 716

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Captain.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bangkok.	Phra Chon Kiao (s).	H. Stratton.	Yuen Fat Hong.	May 1, at 2 p.m.
Batavia, &c., via Saigon.	Celebes (s).	Denon.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 1, at 3 p.m.
Choofoo and Tientsin.	Sin Nanjing (s).	Waddell.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 4, at 3 p.m.
Havre, &c., via Suez Canal.	Bollena (s).	Schaeffer.	Siemssen & Co.	About May 5.
London, via Suez Canal.	Anchises (s).	Jackson.	Butterfield & Swire.	May 1, at daylight.
London, &c., via Suez Canal.	Venelia (s).	B. Daniel.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	May 7, at 4 p.m.
London, via Suez Canal.	Denon (s).	Purdy.	Butterfield & Swire.	May 7.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	City of New York (s).	Fraser.	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	May 2, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai.	Thiorva.	Fraser.	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai.	Amoy (s).	Edgell.	Siemssen & Co.	May 1, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Kwongang (s).	Wood.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 4, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Toburan (s).	Westoby.	Butterfield & Swire.	May 5, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	Mendana (s).	Westoby.	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	May 3, at daylight.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui.	Fokien (s).	Darke.	Russell & Co.	May 12, at 2 p.m.
Sydney and Melbourne, &c.	Guthrie (s).	Farguhar.	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About May 4.
Yokohama and Higo.	Benledi (s).			

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

APRIL 31, 1885.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Position per Last Report.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations.
BANKS.						
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	50,000	125	125	For equalization of \$400,000	61,570 £ 2 half year	127 1/2 prem.
INSURANCES.						
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	200	200	50,000	540,107	115 250 per share
Yongtze Insurance Company, Ltd.	8,000	250	250	50,000	115	135
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	2,000	1,250	1,250	634,000	496,329	84 1/2
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	83,333	83,333	600,000	157,381	63 1/2 cash
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	250	100,000	499,500	80
Chinese Insurance Co., Limited.	1,500	1,000	200	28,711.50	35,165.90	116 1/2
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	250	609,609.66	297,568.07 for 1883	83.40 ex div.
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	547,500	191,060.99 for 1883	76 1/2 ex div.
STEAM COMPANIES.						
H.K. & C. and Steamboat Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	75	206,236.55	4,593.98 % half year	38 prem.
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	18,387 1/2	10	10	10	235,381.0	30 % discount
60,000 shares issued.	31,212 1/2	10	10	10	442,113.0	45 discount, sellers
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	3,500	100	all	all	all	all
MISCELLANEOUS.						
H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	125	125	18,000	6,583.96 % half year	53 % prem.
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	500	10	10	10	8,582.17 10	90 per share, nominal
New Shares.	1,900	10	10	10	10	10
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	2,000	100	100	100	2,488.56	Old, \$3.00
3,000 shares issued.	1,000	50	50	50	13,274.03	New, \$1.50
China Sugar Company, Limited.	9,000	100	100	100	235,381.0	117 per share
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.	1,250	100	100	100	442,113.0	81.20
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	600	50	50	50	829.09 %	67 1/2
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	100	100	100	10	10
Perak Tin Mining & S. S. Co., Ltd.	6,000	50	all	all	10	10
Selangore Tin Mining Co. (S. S.), Ltd.	2,500	100	all	all	10	10
H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3,000	50	all	all	10	10
LOANS.						
Chinese Imperial 1871	6,276 1/2	100	all	all	June 30 Dec. 31	all
" " 1872	16,040 1/2	100	all	all	Feb. 28 Ag. 31	all
" " 1873	3,899 1/2	500	all	all	April & October	all
" " 1881	8,565 1/2	500	all	all	June 1st Dec. 10	all
Sugar Debentures, 1880	600	600	all	all	June & Decem.	all

To-day's Advertisements.

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Hongkong, April 30, 1885. 714

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General Managers.
Hongkong, April 30, 1885. 715

Not Responsible for Debts.

either the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
GOODRILL, American barque, Capt. Wm.
R. Hagan, Adamson, Bell & Co.
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Farnsworth—Melchers & Co.
MARTHA, British barque, Captain A.
McPherson—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
MADURA, British barque, Captain Thos.
Stanley—again.
NEW CITY, British ship, Captain J. O.
Bray—Melchers & Co.
REPUBLIC, American ship, Capt. Holmes.
—Russell & Co.
TRIUMPH, British ship, Capt. Colin Fraser.
Messageries Maritimes.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 30, 1885.
Mount Lebanon, British steamer, 1,555,
Maxwell, Saigon April 26, Rice—ADAMSON,
Bell & Co.
Devonshire, British steamer, 1,613, A.
Purvis, Nagasaki April 23, Coal—RUSSELL
& Co.
Kinnip, British steamer, 761, W. Potts,
Shanghai April 26, General—SIEMSEN &
Co.
Avis, German steamer, 409, P. Moor,
Evan April 27, General—A. B. MARKY.
Olympic, German steamer, 783, E. Chris-
tian, Swatow April 29, General—
SIEMSEN & Co.
Ciches, Dutch steamer, 1,423, J. Grobe
de Haan, Amoy April 26, General—JAR-
DINE, MATHESON & Co.
Glenloch, British steamer, 2,000, J. S.
Hogg, Shanghai April 27, Ballast—JAR-
DINE, MATHESON & Co.
Amoy, British steamer, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

April 30—
Kao Lee, for Bangkok.
Sailor, for Haiphong.
Whampoa, for Sydney, &c.
Yatal, for Europe.
Amphitrite, for Singapore.
Haloon, for Amoy.
Glenloch, for Nagasaki.
O. pack, for Hongkong.
Hesperia, for Shanghai.
Moses B. Tower, for Saigon.

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Walter Sheppard, for Taiwan.
Centaur, for Honolulu.
J. M. Clerk, for Messaur.
Archives, for Singapore.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Mount Lebanon, from Saigon, 6 Chi-
nese.
Per Devonshire, from Nagasaki, Mr. and
Mrs. Newman and 4 children, and 6 Chinese.
Per Ningpo, from Shanghai, Messrs J.
Andrews and J. Orr, and 48 Chinese.
Per Amoy, from E-on, 4 Chinese.
Per Olympia, from Swatow, 140 Chinese.
Per Celebes, from Amoy, 560 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Nabal, from Hongkong: for Saigon,
Mr. Petit, and 3 Chinese on deck; for
Maxwell, Messrs A. C. Moore, H. Oraven,
E. Phillips, W. Cowan, J. Milne, Mrs. H.
Dickie, and 2 Italian Sisters. From Yokohama:
for Port Said, Mr. P. Chacony Silva
and Japanese servant; for Marseilles, Messrs
Hassokawa, K. Eiandji, Konoze, S. Wuno,
S. Tada, K. Tujishima, W. H. Brough, D.
MacLeod, Barnham, Baron Schlippenbach
and Baroness Schlippenbach and servant.
From Makung: for Saigon, Messrs Donzans,
Pacalain, Mont Galtou, Lasticier and Legall.
Per Whampoa, for Singapore, &c., 3 Eu-
ropeans, 210 Chinese.
Per Moses B. Tower, for Saigon, 1 Euro-
pean.
Per Amphitrite, for Singapore, &c., 580
Chinese.
Per Haloon, for Amoy, 1 European,
and 25 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Archives, for Singapore, &c., 21 Eu-
ropeans, and 292 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Devonshire reports:
Experienced fine weather throughout, with
foggy and hazy weather.
The British steamer Ningpo reports:
Had light airs, calm and foggy to Cheung
Point; thence to port heavy rain, thunder
and lightning, with moderate variable
winds.
The British steamer Glenloch reports:
Experienced dense fog most of the way.

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Per S. S. Verona, sailed on the 24th April:
To London: from Canton and Macao,
10,154 boxes Tea, containing 213,172 lbs.
Congoa; from Canton, 6 cases Silk Piece
Goods; from Hongkong, 363 pkgs. Sun-
dries; from Shanghai, 1,973 pkgs. Tea, 40
bales Raw Silk and 3 bales Waste Silk;
To Continent: from Canton, 60 bales Raw
Silk, and 134 bales Cocoons; from Hong-
kong, 13 pkgs. Sundries; from Shanghai,
213 bales Raw Silk, 37 bales Waste Silk
and 30 bales Cocoons; from Japan, 61 bales
Raw Silk. To New York: from Shanghai,
1,351 pkgs. Tea.

Per S. S. Nabal, sailed on the 30th April:
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Waste Silk, 22 bales Beistles, 1 case Silk,
9,124 boxes Tea and 1,137 pkgs. Sundries.
For Continent, 415 bales Silk, 2 bales Hair,
2 cases Silk 168 boxes Tea and 127 pkgs.
Sundries.

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For BANGKOK—
Per Phra Chon Kiao, at 1.30 p.m., on
Friday, the 1st May.

For STRAITS, COLOMBO and BOM-
BAY—
Per Amphitrite, at 2 p.m., on Friday,
the 1st May, instead of as previously
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F. E. POSTER,

Agent.

Hongkong, April 18, 1885.

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Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—Letters, 10 cents per 4 oz.; Post Cards, 3 cents each; Registration, 10 cents; Newspapers, 2 cents each; Books, Patterns and 1/2 oz. each; Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redelivered correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Ceylon, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Amstern, Bolivia, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong:—Macao, China, Japan, Siam, &c. (d) Cebu, China, Tongkin, and the Philippines:—Letters per 1/2 oz., 5 cents (e). Post Cards, each, 1 cent. Books, Patterns and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents. Newspapers and Prices Current, each, 2 cents. Registration, 10 cents.

(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents. (e) Between Hongkong, China, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be indicated by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Directories, Warrants, Invitations, &c., &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way, provided the Patterns may be wholly enclosed, if the nature of the contents be fully exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packages.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the sender having often spent more in Postage, than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Macao, Pakhoi, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weigh more than 5 lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTER, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcel Post for India a declaration of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as kumbhars, &c.) Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed:

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received

for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of durable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article. The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, hand-made hand books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Mixed or Delivered Correspondence. When correspondence has been misdirected or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, Sent to me, or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This should be acted on the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

Chair, Jimricksha, and Boat Hire.

DETAILED LIST OF FAIRS FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BRACKERS, AND BOATS, IN THE VICINITY OF HONGKONG.

Half hour, 10 cents; One hour, 20 cents; Three hours, 50 cents; Six hours, 70 cents; Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA FARE. Return Direct. Four Coaches, \$1.40; Four Coaches, \$1.60; Three Coaches, \$1.80; Two Coaches, \$2.00.

By Aberdeen, Shortest Road. Four Coaches, \$2.00; Four Coaches, \$2.20; Three Coaches, 1.60; Two Coaches, 1.40.

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TO THE PEAK CHURCH, AND HOUSES IN VICINITY OF MOUNT KELIM AND MOY GOOT.

Single Trip. Return Direct. Four Coaches, \$1.40; Four Coaches, \$1.60; Three Coaches, \$1.80; Two Coaches, \$2.00.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between these are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf. 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.

Section. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings. 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.

Vessel's Name. Captain. Flag and Reg. Tonnage. Date of Arrival. Consignees or Agents. Destination. Remarks.

Steamers. Alvin. 500 tons. Ger. str. 400 April 30 A. R. Marty. Pakhoi. To-morrow.

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